## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS Galveston Division

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	Case No. 3:17-cv-00001
UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, et al.,	)	
Defendants.	)	
	)	

## **DEFENDANTS' CONSENT MOTION TO CONTINUE STATUS CONFERENCE**

Pursuant to Rule 7 of the Court's local rules, defendants, the United States Food and Drug Administration, et al., respectfully request that the Court continue for 90 days the status conference that the Court has set for June 18, 2018. See Order, May 25, 2018, ECF No. 58. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Texas) consents to this continuance and does not oppose keeping the case stayed in the meantime.

This case is currently stayed and administratively closed. See Order, Dec. 4, 2017, ECF 52. In the May 25, 2018 Order, the Court specified that, at the June 18 status conference, it intended to hear argument on Texas's motion to lift the stay and set a briefing schedule (ECF 53). As we indicated previously, the federal government has been exploring options internally for resolving this lawsuit in a way that would obviate the need for the Court to issue a decision. Granting the requested continuance would allow those internal deliberations to continue.

For this reason, we respectfully request that the Court keep the existing stay in place and continue the June 18, 2018, status conference by 90 days.

Respectfully submitted,

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	SED] ORDER  consent motion to continue the status conference,  and it is further	
ORDERED that a status conference in this case is set for September, 2018.		
SO ORDERED.		
DATED:	HON. GEORGE C. HANKS, JR. United States District Judge	

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that on this 13th day of June, 2018, a copy of the foregoing "DEFENDANTS' CONSENT MOTION TO CONTINUE STATUS CONFERENCE" was filed electronically. This filing was served electronically to all parties by operation of the Court's electronic filing system.

s/ Alexander V. Sverdlov